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In re application of	:	
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Serial No. NEW	:	**Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
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STEEL FOR MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION, METHOD OF HOT-SHAPING OF A PART FROM THIS STEEL, AND PART THUS OBTAINED	:	THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

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a. [] a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

b. [] a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,

c. [] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,

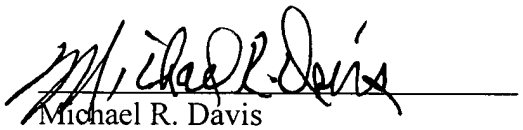
d. [X] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,

e. [] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

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EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED

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